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Bucharest

1. The Tudor Vladimirescu and Horia Cloșca and Crisan Division members were generally seen about Bucharest during early July. About 10-20 tanks belonging to these Divisions were observed on maneuvers near the capital.
2. During June and July unknown elements of the Tudor Vladimirescu Division were reported to have moved from Bucharest to Turnu-Severin and Giurgiu.
3. An additional 15,000 to 20,000 Rumanian troops from the military district six kilometers outside of Bucharest left during July for Turnu-Severin and Giurgiu. About 100 mobile artillery guns on railroad flatcars (one to a car) were moved with these troops.

4. Air raid precautions in Bucharest include searchlight "exercises" and placing sand in attics of Government buildings. Anti-aircraft guns and machine guns have been placed on higher buildings. Among them is a new building across from the North Station and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Soviet Air Force personnel and fighter aircraft in flight were observed daily in the Bucharest region. The airfields used are Otopeni, Pipera and Popesti-Leordeni, all were recently enlarged. Approximately 60 Soviet fighters are at the Pipera airfield.

Soviet officers wives and children in Rumania have returned to the USSR.

Between Bucharest and Lake Snagov, near Tinoabesti (and a forest) a Soviet airfield is located. A Soviet radio jamming station is located at this airfield.

Rumanian pilots are being trained by Soviets on new two-motor bomber aircraft in night flying.

"many" Soviet troops are hidden in the forest near Timisoara.

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9. At the village of Mihail Bravu between Bucharest and Giurgiu a school for political commissars is located. About 600 men are in training and are to be assigned as political commissars throughout the Rumanian Army. Infantry, artillery and light tanks have been observed in this locality regularly.
10. All Bucharest factories were recently ordered to put vehicles, especially trucks, in operative condition for possible emergency use by the Government.
11. The Bragadiru munitions warehouse explosion in mid-July [redacted] Reported this explosion was caused by sabotage.

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Braila

12. Sixteen Soviet military barracks, 120 beds each, have been under construction since June 1949. The barracks are located south of the streetcar line from Lacul Sarat to Braila. North of the streetcar line in the same area a Soviet underground petroleum, oil and lubricants dump is located. Tanks, guns and trucks are parked 500 meters from the barracks. Tanks have been arriving steadily since July. The tanks are described as of two types: Two large guns or one large and one smaller gun in the turret, one above the other.
13. Georgi Dimitrov factory at Braila has finished 30 of 250 gasoline tanks ordered by the Government. The tank dimensions are 3.8 by 4.7 meters.
14. Two thousand five hundred [redacted] Guerrillas (Macedonians) are at work in the Braila Shipyards.
15. About 12 tanks, each with a single 120 mm. gun, were observed at night at Braila during July. The tread was estimated at 60 centimeters. Thirty machine guns mounted on trucks were seen moving westward at night. There is an influx of Soviet troops, who hold night maneuvers.

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Iasi

16. As early as March, Soviet troops and equipment started through Iasi from Bessarabia going west. There were few Soviet troops at Iasi during August. Rumanian troops were training there at the end of July.
17. A railroad freight car factory which is located near the Iasi railroad station is for Soviet use only.

Sulina

18. There are 12 barracks at Sulina filled with Rumanian troops, who arrived one year ago. [redacted] 400 kilograms of meat daily for these troops. No Soviet troops were located there.
19. Approximately three loaded Soviet ships per week, pass Sulina from each direction. The depth of the river there is 23 feet.
20. Three buildings near the cemetery and beaches are used to store munitions. The army warehouse near 23 August Street is filled with flour, sugar and foodstuffs. This army warehouse was formerly known as the Condoguris warehouse.

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Targoviste

21. A cavalry school is located in Targoviste. No Soviet troops were observed in Targoviste. Rumanian troops were training in Targoviste in July.

Focsani

22. "Many" Soviet troops and Soviets in civilian clothes are stationed in Focsani.

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23. All buildings on Boulevard Cazarmelor have been evacuated for Soviet troop use.
24. "Very large" Soviet tanks, whose treads destroyed the street, were observed. These tanks were used on night maneuvers.
25. Rumanian pilots arrived in Focsani at the end of July and occupied 90 rooms in a building.
26. Only Rumanian insignia on fighter aircraft were observed at the Bariera Mărăsești and the Bariera Brailiei airfields near Focsani.
27. The local leather factory production is completely for army use.
28. The warehouses near the railroad station are filled with provisions and grain for army use.

Constanta

29. On the railroad line from Tulcea to Constanta between Babadag and Corbu, the Militia boards all coaches and accompanies passengers past the large munitions dump located in the surrounding mountains and forests.
30. Two dredges arrived recently from Sulina to dredge the port of Mangalia.
31. During the ten day stay [redacted] in Constanta, 15 loaded Soviet tankers were seen leaving for the USSR.
32. The Rumanian warships in Constanta during early August included two torpedo boats, three destroyers and one training ship. No Soviet craft were observed. On 15 August these vessels went on maneuvers in the Black Sea.
33. On 15 August there was a daylight anti-aircraft practice with 120 anti-aircraft guns firing at towed air targets.

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Military Items

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34. [redacted] Soviet troop concentrations on the Yugoslav-Rumanian border. Allegedly three lines deep, with the Rumanians in the center.
35. Former Royal Rumanian Army Artillery Specialists have been recalled to military duty for a 45 day period.
36. [redacted] some Rumanian Militiamen were treated for black spots on the forehead caused by "liquid" (acid?) known as "imperita" (sic). Most of these Militiamen died. There are no other details.
37. A new 12 story hospital has been constructed in Bucharest at 26 Doctor Felix Strada.
38. The morale of Bucharest residents and "all Rumanians" is one of disgust. They would welcome a war and an eventual liberation [redacted]
39. Rings, bracelets, earrings, and gold initials from wallets have been taken in Constanta from repatriates, who were permitted only one watch and one ring. [redacted]

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